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SUBJECT: ISRAELI RELATIONS WITH BIR ZEIT UNIVERSITY

1. NEED POST'S EVALUATION AND COMMENTS BY COB JUNE 26 ON  
FOLLOWING POINTS IN STORY BY WILLIAM CLAIBORNE WHICH WASH-  
INGTON POST RAN JUNE 24 CONCERNING ALLEGED ISRAELI REPRESS-  
ION OF BIR ZEIT UNIVERSITY. FYI STORY TS DATELINED "BIR  
ZEIT,ISRAELI-OCCUPIED JORDAN" END FYI.

2. GABI BARAMKI, ACTING PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY, SAID IN  
INTERVIEW LAST WEEK THAT ISRAEL IN INFORMING EIGHT FOREIGN  
VISITING PROFESSORS INCLUDING FOUR AMERICANS THAT THEIR  
TEMPORARY RESIDENT STATUS WOULD NOT BE RENEWED WAS IN  
EFFECT EXPELLING THEM, WHICH WAS PART OF SYSTEMATIC ISRAELI  
ATTEMPT AT RUINING UNIVERSITY.

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3. AMERICANS ARE ROBERT ADKINS (EDUCATION), RETIRED USAF  
OFFICER WHO TAUGHT EIGHT YEARS AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY;  
DONALD HOLROYD (ENGLISH) FROM YORK COLLEGE; HUGH HAR-  
COURT (PHILOSOPHY) OF PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY; AND WASIF  
ABBOUSINI OF UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

4. EIGHT ISRAELI ARAB PROFESSORS REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN TOLD

BY MILGOV THAT THEY CANNOT TRAVEL TO WEST BANK TO TEACH AT

BIR ZEIT UNIVERSITY.

5. MILGOV JUNE 23 TOLD REPORTERS IT HAD NO INTENTION OF DENYING WORK PERMITS TO VISITING FOREIGN PROFESSORS AT BIR ZEIT OR ANY INTENTION OF CAUSING HARM TO UNIVERSITY AND THAT THE EIGHT BIR ZEIT PROFESSORS WERE NOT OBJECT OF ANY HARASSMENT OR INTIMIDATION. ONE OF EIGHT, NAFEZ NAZZAL HO-DEROFU.S.PASSPORT,TOLD CLAIBORNE HE HOPED THIS MEANT MILGOV WAS REVERSING DECISION ON RENEWAL OF RESIDENT STATUS BUT DOUBTED THIS.

6. MILGOV HAS IMPOSED SERIES OF OTHER RESTRICTIVE MEASURES ON UNIVERSITY. EXAMPLES CLAIBORNE CITES ARE THAT BIR ZEIT UNLIKE ISRAELI UNIVERSITIES MUST PAY DUTY ON IMPORTED EQUIPMENT AND TEXTBOOKS AND THAT FACULTY MEMBERS WANTING TO VISIT AMMAN ARE OFTEN TURNED BACK AT BRIDGE BY ISRAELIS.

7. CLAIBORNE QUOTES HARCOURT AS STATING LIST OF PROFESSORS WHOSE RESIDENT PERMITS WILL NOT BE RENEWED IS DELIBERATELY DISGUISED TO OBSCURE FACT THAT ISRAELIS ARE SEEKING TO UNDERMINE UNIVERSITY, THAT UNIVERSITY WILL PROBABLY FACE MORE HARASSMENT NEXT YEAR, AND THAT PUBLICITY ABOUT PROFESSORS IS UNFORTUNATE BECAUSE IT WILL DEFLECT ATTENTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FROM ISRAEL'S HARSH AND ARBITRARY TREATMENT OF BIR ZEIT STUDENTS. CLAIBORNE CITES HARCOURT AND OTHER PROFESSORS AS SAYING THAT NONE ON LIST OF PROFESSORS IS POLITICALLY ACTIVE.

8. ARTICLE STRESSES THAT ONE BIR ZEIT PROFESSOR, TASIR ARURI, WAS RECENTLY RELEASED AFTER 44 MONTHS OF ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION WITHOUT BEING CHARGED.

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